



Florida A&M University  
Judicial & Rules Committee  
Fall Academic Term  
9<sup>th</sup> Session Minutes  
10/30/2019

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- A. Call to Order – Chairman Jean-Baptiste calls meeting order at 5:08 pm
- B. Roll Call/Verification of Quorum
- Senator Bell – **PRESENT**
  - Senator Burns – **EXCUSED ABSENCE**
  - Senator Palmer – **PRESENT**
  - Senator Rivil – **PRESENT**
  - Senator Robinson – **PRESENT**
  - Senator Walter – **PRESENT**
  - Senator Watts – **EXCUSED ABSENCE**
  - Pro Tempore Watt – **EXCUSED ABSENCE**
  - Chairman Jean-Baptiste – **PRESENT**
- C. Approval of Agenda/Minutes – Senator Robinson moves to accept last sessions minutes and this sessions agenda. Senator Bell 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ayes have it.
- D. Confirmations
- i. Zander Retamer – Appointed Chief Judge  
Senator Walter moves to table this candidate, Senator Robinson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ayes Have it.
  - ii. Angelica Prince – Appointed Associate Judge  
Senator Walter moves to give this candidate a favorable recommendation, Senator Robinson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ayes have it.
- ROLL CALL VOTE**
- Senator Bell – **FOR**
  - Senator Burns – **FOR**

Senator Palmer – **FOR**

Senator Rivil – **FOR**

Senator Robinson – **FOR**

Senator Walter – **FOR**

Senator Watts – **ABSENT**

Pro Tempore Watt – **ABSENT**

Chairman Jean-Baptiste – **X**

*Candidate receives a favorable recommendation from committee.*

iii. Simon Safir – Appointed Associate Judge

Senator Palmer moves to give this candidate a favorable recommendation,

Senator Robinson 2<sup>nd</sup>.

***ROLL CALL VOTE***

Senator Bell – **FOR**

Senator Burns – **FOR**

Senator Palmer – **FOR**

Senator Rivil – **FOR**

Senator Robinson – **FOR**

Senator Walter – **FOR**

Senator Watts – **ABSENT**

Pro Tempore Watt – **ABSENT**

Chairman Jean-Baptiste – **X**

*Candidate receives a favorable recommendation from committee.*

iv. William Benton – Appointed Associate Judge

Senator Burns moves to give this candidate a favorable recommendation,

Senator Robinson 2<sup>nd</sup>.

***ROLL CALL VOTE***

Senator Bell – **FOR**

Senator Burns – **FOR**

Senator Palmer – **FOR**

Senator Rivil – **FOR**

Senator Robinson – **FOR**

Senator Walter – **FOR**

Senator Watts – **ABSENT**

Pro Tempore Watt – **ABSENT**

Chairman Jean-Baptiste – **X**

*Candidate receives a favorable recommendation from committee.*

v. Natalie Alfonso – Appointed Associate Judge

Senator Palmer moves to give this candidate an unfavorable recommendation,  
Senator Bell 2<sup>nd</sup>.

***ROLL CALL VOTE***

Senator Bell – **FOR**

Senator Burns – **FOR**

Senator Palmer – **FOR**

Senator Rivil – **AGAINST**

Senator Robinson – **FOR**

Senator Walter – **FOR**

Senator Watts – **ABSENT**

Pro Tempore Watt – **ABSENT**

Chairman Jean-Baptiste – **X**

*Candidate receives an unfavorable recommendation from committee.*

E. Unfinished Business

i. Internal Rules of Procedures Revisions

Chairman Jean-Baptiste will be sending out the corrections to the committee,  
and completing the Bill transmittal form, so the bill can go before the Senate.

F. New Business

There is none.

G. Open Forum

There are none.

H. Final Roll Call

Senator Bell – **PRESENT**

Senator Burns – **PRESENT**

Senator Palmer – **PRESENT**

Senator Rivil – **PRESENT**

Senator Robinson – **PRESENT**

Senator Walter – **PRESENT**

Senator Watts – **EXCUSED ABSENCE**

Pro Tempore Watt – **EXCUSED ABSENCE**

Chairman Jean-Baptiste – **PRESENT**

I. Adjournment – Chairman Jean-Baptiste Adjourns the meeting at 5:59pm.